

ASKS COURT TO STOP LOCOMOTIVE SMOKE

Alexandria Woman Claims Her Clothing, Linen, and Furniture Are Kept Dirty.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 3.—The controversy between property owners and the Southern Railway Company, due to damage said to result from the smoke of locomotives, is again to be aired in the courts.

Mrs. Alice McMenamin, who secured a judgment in 1912 of \$1,500 in the circuit court, yesterday filed another suit for an injunction in the corporation court.

Mrs. McMenamin declares that the railway company keeps its engines in the process of being fired in the rear of her premises while waiting for service. She states that as a result of these engines her clothing, linen, and furniture are kept dirty and greasy. She is represented by Attorneys J. K. M. Norton and Edmund Burke.

In police court today Robert L. Michale, who endeavored to enter the residence of Mrs. Yeaman, claimed that he was drunk. He was fined \$10. Marshall Phillips, colored, charged with stealing a bicycle from Mr. Wheaton, was dismissed. The bicycle had been sold to H. L. Stryder, who in turn sold it to W. C. Baggett. The wheel was returned to its owner.

Word was received today of the death in Norfolk on March 2 of the Rev. Joseph G. Lennon, a member of the Methodist Church, South. Mr. Lennon was the father of Claude M. Lennon, of this city, and Charles G. Lennon, of Brookland, D. C. His funeral will take place in Norfolk tomorrow afternoon.

The annual report of the lady board of managers of the Alexandria Hospital just published, shows that expenses were \$10,863.40. There were 65 cases admitted for treatment and 277 surgical operations. There were 2,695 days of gratuitous nursing.

The Allison W. C. T. U. will meet at the Children's Home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Robert F. Green and children are visiting Mrs. Green's father, Washington Darnenower, at Knoxville.

The United States court for the Eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddell presiding, adjourned yesterday.

Charles H. Callahan, commissioner of revenue, has been held up on making the assessment of real estate, and permitted property for this year by order of C. Lee Moore, State auditor, and as a result the tax bills which are issued in July of each year may be delayed this year.

The action of Mr. Moore was taken because of the uncertainty of the tax situation caused by the special session of the State legislature, which is now considering a new system.

ROCKVILLE.

Mrs. Ann A. Walters, aged seventy-five, widow of Richard H. Walters, died yesterday at her home near Darnestown, from pneumonia. She is survived by six sons and one daughter: Lucien T. Charles R. Julian P. J. Harvey, Richard A. and H. Carroll Walters, and Mrs. E. Dorsey Richtel. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from St. Gabriel's Catholic Church at Potomac.

Herbert P. Cockrill, of Washington, and Mrs. Nettie K. Finch, of Amburg, Va., called upon the Rev. Oliver Barnes, pastor of the Christian Church, Monday afternoon to get married, but because one of them had been divorced the minister refused to tie the knot. They called upon the Rev. Samuel R. White, Rockville's "marrying parson," who performed the ceremony.

The county commissioners yesterday appointed tax assessors as follows: Leesville district, Z. M. Waters; Clarksville, E. Dorsey Richtel; Poolesville, Walter W. Pyles; Rockville, Alfred Ray; Darnestown, Newell C. Rice; New Market, Joseph F. Whalen; Olney, Leonard Weer; Gaithersburg, John E. Clagett; Potomac, Mildred C. Fisher; Barnesville, William T. Lynch; Damascus, Noah Watkins. The appointments for Leesville and Wheaton districts were deferred.

ANACOSTIA.

The Potomac Baseball League meeting last night, at the home of its president, J. W. Marbury, in Mt. View place, decided on May 1 for the opening game of ninety to be played. Six games will be played each week on the Anacostia grounds and two each week at the Government Hospital for the Insane. Five teams have been selected to play in the league, these being Fairlawn, Maurice McGrath, manager; Government, Walter A. Dr. Gattie, manager; St. Teresa's, T. J. Leonard, manager; Mohawks, Mr. Hazleton, manager; Machinists, Mr. Le Clair, manager. The Congress Heights team will withdraw from the league.

The car of the East Washington Heights Traction Company, operating to Randle Highlands, and the team of John L. Herbert, 184 Naylor road, collided yesterday at Pennsylvania avenue and Front street. Damage to the wagon amounted to \$15. Herbert was thrown from his seat and slightly hurt.

The Rev. J. H. W. Blake, rector of Christ Church, Georgetown, will preach tonight at the tent service in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Charles E. Roberts will sing a solo.

Mrs. N. R. Harnish presided at the meeting of the Ladies' Guild of Emmanuel Church in the parish hall yesterday.

Oil Companies Desire Rittman's Discoveries

Secretary of Interior Lane Consents to Installation of Necessary Plant.

ANXIOUS FOR EXPERIMENTS

Young Scientist Showered With Congratulations by Chemists and Men of Letters.

A number of oil refining companies and powder manufacturers are in correspondence with the Interior Department with the view of adopting in their plants the discoveries of Dr. Walter F. Rittman, scientist of the Bureau of Mines, for increasing the gasoline output from crude oil, and securing toluol and benzol, the bases for the manufacture of high explosives and dyestuffs.

A Pennsylvania oil company and one of the biggest manufacturers of powders, have already given notice that they will begin work immediately upon the Rittman process.

The Rittman process, and Secretary Lane has consented to a plan to have Prof. Rittman supervise the installation of necessary plant and machinery.

Further Experiments.

Prof. Rittman, who has been in Washington for several days, will leave for New York tonight to perfect further experiments in the laboratories of Columbia University, where he made his toluol and benzol and gasoline discoveries.

For the past two days, the young scientist has been showered with congratulations by chemists and men of letters. He has accepted these compliments with reserve. To those who asked he ascribed his success to a strong body and physical health acquired on the football field.

"There is no student's pallor in the face of this young scientist. He looks like a football star in the pink of condition. He is muscular and active and fairly exudes health and energy. He is about 5 feet 6 inches tall, with a large, well-formed head and a shock of brown hair. A striking characteristic are his large, blue eyes, shielded by spectacles.

When seen today Dr. Rittman seemed inclined to talk about football and the teachers who gave him his first inspiration in the way of chemical research than to discuss his discoveries. Explaining the new way of obtaining gasoline, he said:

Passed in Vapor Form.

"The oil is passed in the form of vapor into a tube which is under a pressure varying from 50 to 500 pounds a square inch and is at a temperature of about 50 degrees centigrade. This 'breaks' the kerosene molecules up into small gasoline molecules. The process is similar to the popping of corn and very simple. The old way was to distill off the gasoline from the liquid, and when that was done no more gasoline could be obtained. By my process, we break up the residue—the big molecules that were not used heretofore to get gasoline. It virtually begins where the old process leaves off. It doubles the amount of gasoline is obtained by the breaking-up process. The residue solids, which sell for about 3 cents a gallon, are converted into gasoline, which sells for about 12 cents a gallon."

Dr. Rittman explained that the same

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DR. WALTER F. RITTMAN.

process was used largely in obtaining toluol and benzol.

"If this nation ever should be placed in a position of stress, we could supply by my process sufficient toluol and benzol for the high explosives, from which we are now cut off by the war abroad," he said. "I do not claim to cheapen the process of producing benzol or toluol, nor for that matter do I claim to have lessened the cost of deriving gasoline from petroleum. My process makes it possible, though, to get gasoline from cheaper oils and residues, and therefore the cost is lessened in this way."

Straight, Scientific Research.

"My processes were not overnight inspirations," he added. "They are the result of straight, scientific research, involving the use of calculus, physics, and chemistry."

"I attribute my success to a strong body, acquired in football battles and other forms of college athletics," he said. "Because I had a strong body, trained to endure long, hard strains, I was able to work thirty-six hours at a stretch when necessary. When in the midst of an experiment one needs physical strength. This I had, and frequently I worked from thirty to thirty-seven hours without cessation."

German Readers Club To Give Entertainment

The German Readers Club of Washington will give a special evening of German songs and stories in the lecture hall of the Public Library next Wednesday evening. The committee in charge of the entertainment includes Prof. Arnold Werner, Spanish; Dr. Paul Gleis, and Ernest Glehner.

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HYATTSVILLE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church was entertained yesterday by Mrs. C. P. Smith and Mrs. R. H. Metzger at the home of Mrs. Smith, at College Park. Preparations were begun for the giving of a shad dinner at the Masonic Temple April 23. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Harry W. Shepherd; vice president, Mrs. W. Vernon Pike; secretary, Mrs. Howard D. Orr; and treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Arnold. The next meeting will be held April 6 at the home of Mrs. V. K. Chesnut.

Miss Mary W. Tise, postmistress, was taken yesterday afternoon to Sibley Hospital, Washington, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The "A" and "B" girls' basketball teams of the first year at the Hyattsville High School played at the armory of Company F yesterday, and the "B" team, under the leadership of Miss Evelyn Earnest, won by 24 to 20. Miss Louise Marshall captained "A" team. Miss M. Brown, one of the teachers, was the referee.

The Rev. Fred W. Smith, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, at Takoma, will preach tomorrow evening at Trinity Episcopal Church, at Upper Marlboro.

The boys of the Hyattsville High School last night defeated Laurel High School at basketball in the armory of Company F by 18 to 3. The work of Shaw, for the victors, was the feature of the game. Harry Sonnenberg was referee. This is the third time these teams have met, and the first victory for the school here.

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President Asked to Head Safety-First Movement

Introduced by District Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, representatives of the Safety First Federation of America called yesterday at the White House and invited President Wilson, through Secretary Tumulty, to become honorary president of the organization.

The federation was organized at a session held in New York last week, and has the support of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Its purposes are to promote a nation-wide movement for the better safe-guarding of human life and property and to compilation statistics regarding the best legislation to be adopted to conserve the health and safety of American citizens.

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